

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12, as follows:

~~For example, in~~ In order to convey plate glass falling from a melting furnace or a metal plate such as stainless steel plate heated in an annealing furnace, a disc roll has been used. Fig. 1 is a schematic view showing one example of a disc roll 10, which is prepared by: stamping out annular discs from a disc member base material, obtained by forming into a plate form having a thickness of about 3 to about 6 mm an aqueous slurry in which an inorganic fiber such as ceramic fiber, inorganic fillers (such as talc, clay and mica), and a binder are compounded; and fitting these plurality of disc members 12 together on a metal shaft 11 acting as a rotary shaft by insertion to form a roll-shaped laminate, and fixed with nuts 15 etc. with the interposition of flanges 13 arranged at both ~~ends~~ ends, with some compression applied to the disc members 12 ~~by pressurizing the whole~~. Peripheral surfaces of the disc members 12 function as a conveying surface.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 18, as follows:

Then, the method for producing the disc roll of the first invention is described below. The production method is basically conducted in accordance with a conventional method, and described again with reference to Fig. 1. First, annular disc members 12 are stamped out from the disc member base material of the first invention described above, and these plurality of disc members 12 are fitted together on a rotary shaft 11 made of metal (for example, made of iron) by insertion to form a roll-shaped laminate. Then, they are fixed with nuts 15 etc. with the interposition of flanges 13 arranged at both ends, with some compression applied from both ends to the disc members 12 ~~by pressurizing the whole~~. Then, peripheral surfaces of the disc

members 12 are ground so as to give a specified roll diameter. Further, a conveying surface is
smoothened by this grinding.